

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. The application has been amended as follows:

At the beginning of page 1 of the specification after the Title, insert:

“Cross-reference to Related Applications

This application is a U.S. National Stage Application of International Application PCT/JP04/11257 filed August 5, 2004, which is published as WO 2005/044737 on May 19, 2005, the disclosure of which is expressly incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.”

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph L. Perrin, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (571)272-1305. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00-4:30.
4. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael E. Barr can be reached on (571)272-1414. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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